themselves. It is not considered necessary to make any such study.

महाराष्ट्र में "नाबार्ड" द्वारा लघु अवधि के कृषि ऋणों का पुनर्वित्तपोषण किया जाना

365. श्री विश्वास रामराव पाटिल : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान "नाबार्ड" द्वारा महाराष्ट्र राज्य के सहकारी बैंकों को लघु-अवधि के कृषि ऋणों का पुनर्वित्तपोषण सही किया जा रहा है, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप राज्य के सहकारी बैंक रुग्ण हो रहे हैं और किसानों को कृषि ऋण भी उपलब्ध नहीं हो पा रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस संबंध मे सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दंडवते) : (क) जी नही ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न पैदा ही नही होते ।

Setting up of Currency Printing Press at Salboni, West Bengal

366. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposal for the setting up of a Currency Printing Press at Salboni in West Bengal;

(b) by when the Press is likely to be set up; and

(c) what will be its production capacity?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) Government have approved the setting up of two new currency note printing presses; one at Salboni in West Bengal and the other at Mysore in Karnataka, involving an outlay of Rs. 844 crores. In course of exploration of various alternative sources of funding, Government found that the Reserve Bank of India was willing to set up the two Presses. In view of this, RBI has been entrusted with the execution of these projects. The production capacity of each of the two presses is about 5000 million pieces of notes per annum. Completion of the projects would take about 4 years.

Posts lying vacant in Rourkela Steel plant

367. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts are lying vacant in Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the number of posts in different categories lying vacant as on 30th June, 1989; and

(c) what are the details of steps being taken to fill up these posts ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c) While some vacancies keep occurring from time to time in different departments, manpower studies have revealed that there is surplus manpower in RSP on an overall basis. The need at RSP is to optimise the utilisation of existing manpower by retraining and redeployment. Recourse to recruitment is taken only for filling key positions which cannot be manned from within.

Opening of new branches of commercial banks in Orissa

368. SHRI JAGADISH JANI Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open more branches of commercial banks during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the number of branches of different commercial banks proposed to be opened in Orissa by the end of 1990;

(c) what are the names of places in Orissa where these new branches are proposed to be opened; and

(d) what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) to (d) The current Branch Licensing Policy covers the period from 1st April, 1985 to 31st March, 1990 which is co-terminus with the Seventh Five Year Plan. On the basis of list of identified centres received from the State Government, the Reserve Bank of India allotted a total number of 366 rural and semi-urban centres in the State of Orissa for the above period. The banks have opened branches at 146 centres upto 30th November, 1989. The banks are required to open the remaining branches at 220 centres. Besides, 20 urban/port town centres have been allotted to the banks and they have opened branches at 17 centres. No more identification of any additional centres is contemplated. As such, there is no proposal to allot further centres by Reserve Bank of India to banks during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Inadequate Staff Strength in Branches of State Bank of India in Phulbani District of Orissa

369 SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the different branches of State Bank of India in Phulbani District of Orissa are inadequately staffed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by the customers on account of this; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to appoint more staff in different branches of State Bank of India in Phulbani District, Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) to (d) State Bank of India has reported that their bank's branches in Phulbani District of Orissa are adequately staffed to meet their present requirements. The Bank has also advised that although so far no adverse customer feed-back has received on account of alleged shortage of staff, the requirements of staff of branches of the bank are reviewed from time to time taking into account the buiness level and other relevant factors.

मध्य प्रदेश में बुनकरों द्वारा इस्तेमाल में लाये जाने वाले धागों की कीमतों में वृद्धि

370. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मध्य प्रदेश में बुनकरों द्वारा इस्तेमाल में लाए जा रहे धागों की कीमतों में अप्रत्याशित वृद्धि के कारण उनकी आजीविका पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पडा है क्योंकि उनके द्वारा तैयार किए गए वस्त्रों की बिक्री न हो पाने के कारण उन्हें अपना कार्य बंद करने के लिए मजबूर होना पडा है;

(ख) यदि हा, तो इस समस्या को हल करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए है, और

(ग) क्या इस प्रकार की समस्या का सामना देश के दूसरे क्षेत्रो में भी किया जा रहा है और यदि हा, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार और राज्य सरकारो द्वारा इस मामले मे क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

वस्त्र मंत्री और साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद यादव) : (क) गत वर्ष के दौरान पालियेस्टर स्टेपल फाइबर